

you are to call on any Persons you please for Assistance, or if c. c. you think proper, acquaint us and you shall immediately have what Force you may think necessary. If in any Instance a Man who cannot, is ordered to march, let him make known his Circumstances to Col<sup>o</sup> Worthington in a peaceable Way ; we wish not to inflict extream Hardships, but the Laws must not be braved. We are also informed that Richard Gray and Samuel Philips, who were not of the first Class of the Militia, not only advised, but prompted this Opposition by meeting and joining those who had assembled with their Arms. You are therefore to arrest the said Richard Gray and Samuel Philips and send them to us, that their Conduct may be duly inquired into

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Robosson.

[Council to R. Barnes.]

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In Council Baltimore 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1777.

Sir

We shall, in all Probability, have more Militia here than we can arm. We are therefore desirous, as your County is so remote and the People may be wanted at Home, that none should immediately march from thence. Possibly those who first go may want to be relieved, you will therefore get your Militia settled in the best Manner you can and have two Companies of each Battalion ready to march, in Case they should be ordered. We do not hear of any capital move yet of our Enemies ; Gen<sup>l</sup> Washington's Van is in their Neighbourhood, and Report makes us out full strong enough for them.

We are &<sup>ca</sup>

L<sup>t</sup> Richard Barnes }  
S<sup>t</sup> Mary's County }

[Council to Col. Ware.]

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In Council Baltimore 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1777.

Sir.

The Militia have come in and are marching with all the Alacrity we could expect, we shall have more than we can arm, which makes it unnecessary for any to march at present from Charles ; but as the Militia who now go out may want to be relieved, we wish you to have two Companies ready agreed on for that Purpose, if they should be ordered. To do this the most effectually, we think it will be best to have the Militia classed agreeable to Law. We had no Expectation that the Congress would have appointed any Officer to com-